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Letter dated 12 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Tibet issued on 6 July 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on Tibet issued on 6 July 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the fourth round of talks between the envoys of the Dalai Lama and members of the Chinese Government that took place at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Berne, Switzerland, on 30 June and 1 July 2005.

The European Union strongly supports the continuation of dialogue which it hopes will bring about serious negotiations leading to a peaceful and sustainable solution for Tibet that both sides agree upon.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization association process.